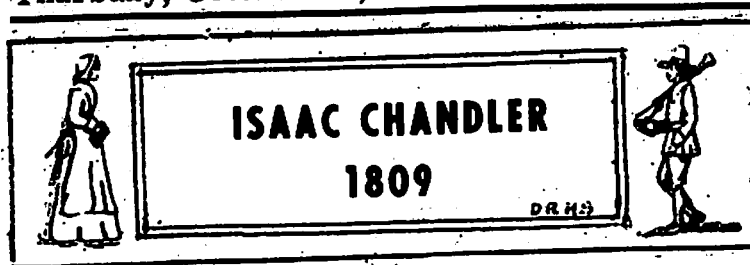


## Historical houses - NAMED, A-L

*C Powder Point Rd.*

Thursday, October 24, 1968



Isaac Chandler, carpenter, for \$55.50, bought "a house lot on the north side of Powder Point road between the house that Jephthah Delano lives in and Nathan Weston's house," and there he built a house in 1809, right next to that of his father-in-law, Jephthah Delano.

There is a story that Isaac was captured at sea during the War of 1812 and while he was in prison in Halifax, Benjamin Cushman foreclosed a mortgage and took possession of the property. He became wealthy and finally died all alone at his desk, counting his money. It must have been a spite story for the records do not bear it out. There is no record of a mortgage deed or a foreclosure and the deed by which Benjamin got the place is a very ordinary document.

Isaac Chandler, carpenter, for \$375, to Benjamin Cushman, cordwainer, land and house on north side of Powder Point road, etc., dated July 27, 1816, and signed by Isaac Chandler and Abigail, his wife.

So much for the story that has maligned poor Benjamin all these years. However, the last part, that he died all alone, very old, counting his money, must be true, for 13 heirs appeared out of nowhere, and when they sold the property in 1870, the 13, together with some spouses, put 22 signatures to the deed.

Lot Soule, who bought in 1870, is the best remembered owner; in fact, the house is known as the Lot Soule place by many. Lot was a "block and pump maker," according to a deed and some of his pumps are still in his house, found by the present owner, F. Rollins Maxwell. Lot worked in a shop farther to the east, near a wharf and shipyard.

The house is a true cape with typical layout and interesting features, but obviously a modest house compared to the larger ones all around it. That may be a fortunate circumstance, for there it sits, a fine example of the kind of house a skilled carpenter built for his own home, the house Isaac Chandler, carpenter, built in 1809.

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